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SUBJECT: FRG-ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS

AT JUNE 10 POLADS, FRG REP DISTRIBUTED FOLOWING REPORT ON FRG-ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS, HELD AT BUCHAREST JUNE 2AND 3.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THIS YEARS GERMAN-ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS TOOK PLACE IN BUCHAREST ON 2 AND 3 JUNE 1975. THEY WERE CONDUCTED BY MR. VAN WELL, THE HEAD OF THE POLITICAL DIVISION OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE, AND VICE-MINISTER GLIGA, FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU RECEIVED MR. VAN WELL FOR A THIRTY-MINUTE COURTESY CALL. MR. VAN WELL ALSO SAW MR. STEFAN ANDREI, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN POLICY, FOR A TALK WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE REQUEST
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OF THE ROMANINAN SIDE.

2. THE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL QUESTIONS TOOK UP THE MAJOR PART OF THE CONSULTATIONS. THUS, DETAILED CONSIDERATION

WAS GIVEN TO THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE ARISEN OVER THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN INTO TWO AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE DUE FOR SIGNATURE. THE VERY FRANK TALK MADE IT CLEAR THAT, AS FAR AS AGREEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE BERLIN ARE CONCERNED, ROMANIA IS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO CONFINE ITSELF STRICTLY TO THE LANGUAGE ACCEPTED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

3. IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, THE DISCUSSION COVERED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CSCE AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EEC AND COMECON. WITH REGARD TO THE FORMER, THE ROMANIAN SIDE SAID THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES, THE VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MANOEUVRES WAS UNSATISFACTORY. WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS POSSIBILITIES, ROMANIA WOULD URGE THAT SUCH MEASURES BE MADE BINDING.

4. MR. VAN WELL SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE PARAMETERS AND WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO BE FLEXIBLE WITH RESPECT TO THE VOLUNTARY NATURE. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE IN ANY CASE NOT ENFORCEABLE. VICE-MINISTER GLIGA UNDERLINED THAT ROMANIA WAS ALSO IN FAVOUR OF THE INCLUSION OF AS LARGE A PART OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MANOEUVRES.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE DECLARATION ON FOUR POWER RESPONSIBILITY, VICE-MINISTER GLIGA EMPHASIZED THAT ROMANIA DESIRED A CLEAR FORMULATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT POWERS IN EUROPE, A FORMULATION WHICH COULD NOT LEAD TO ANY RESTRICTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

6. ON THE QUESTION OF THE DATE OF THE CSCE SUMMIT MEETING, THE ROMANIAN SIDE UNDERLINED THAT THEY CONSIDERED THAT GOOD RESULTS WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHETHER THE MEETING TOOK PLACE ONE MONTH SOONER OR LATER. AS FAR AS THE CONFERENCE FOLLOW UP WAS CONCERNED, MR. GLIGA ONCE MORE EMPHASIZED THAT NO PAUSE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO INTERVENE.

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7. IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EEC AND COMECON, THE ROMANIAN SIDE MADE IT CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT THEY REJECTED ANY LIMITATION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THUS ANY SUPRANATIONAL COMPETENCE FOR COMECON. WHAT MIGHT BE ENVISAGED WAS A COORDINATION OF GENERAL MATTERS BETWEEN EEC AND COMECON. AS FAR AS

NATIONAL QUESTIONS WERE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ROMANIA INSISTED THAT THESE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN ITSELF AND EEC. END TEXT. BRUCE

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